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Family Festivals Are Best

Simple Celebration of Such Home Fete Days "Just Among Ourselves" Will Create Memories That Last Through Life.

By LAURA CLAWSON.
"I THINK perhaps I remember my mother best on her birthdays," said a famous man not long ago. I am sure the memory of those simple festivities will stay with me while life lasts.

"As a family we were very united, and I have often wondered if it were not because we made so much of the family birthdays and holidays, which always, even after we were grown men and women, we kept with some form of simple celebration.

"The effect this custom had on me I will remember; it held for me the idea that no matter how much strangers thought of one, the family, after all, was first. The members really cared about each other enough to remember birthdays, and altogether it made for a spirit of unity in our home life which, I observe, is the life of these hurried days. I think was very good for us.

"It seemed so altogether wonderful that even mother and father should have birthdays—somehow it brought forty years nearer to fourteen!

Simple Present Brought Joy.
"I recall my mother's joy at some little bit of jewelry which we children had saved our allowance to purchase for her as one of the sweetest memories of my life.

"I think no costly present we gave her in after life really pleased her as much as that inexpensive pin. I have heard her say so many times.

"I can appreciate now what all these parties, simple as they were, must have meant to mother—how much extra work they entailed on a housekeeper already overburdened. I am ashamed now to realize how we took the seemingly inexhaustible supply of cookies and apples as a matter of course, for in so large a family as ours there was a birthday or anniversary very often.

"This interesting glimpse of home life may give others an idea.

"Perhaps some mother who reads this who may be thinking of what the last birthday party cost her, an elaborate children's party with expensive refreshments. Naturally she will say rather firmly that one or two parties a winter is all she feels able to undertake for the children, the trouble and expense it means in these days precludes anything of multiplying the events!

Just Among Ourselves.
But I am sure my famous man had in mind a far different kind of celebration.

Why not go back to the old way—why not have a birthday party for an older member of the family, father, for instance, and surprise him?

"Take the children into the secret and plan with them instead of for them. Explain that instead of a party with strangers, the birthday is hereafter going to be family affairs, and that as each one comes round in turn there is to be a simple celebration "Just among ourselves."

"The children will enjoy themselves as much, perhaps more than they have been doing at the elaborate parties, and their memories will be enriched beyond expression by these simple family feasts.

"For after all, the memories of later years of the homes in which we spend our childhood should be more to us than recalling that we had food and shelter there.

"In our hurry perhaps we are in danger of forgetting this for our children. The return to these simple birthdays and anniversary occasions may recall it to some of us who have been thoughtless, and who are using birthdays merely to repay the social debts which our children are contracting.

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When Margaret Mason Explained What Ninon Really Is We Laughed With Glee

Because We Had Thought Paris Was Cheating Us By Sending a New Blouse Material To England First and Deserting Her Steady Patrons, the U. S. A.

Ninon Turned Out To Be Our Aged Friend Chiffon, Which We Haven't Been Using For Aeons and Aeons—And Paris Isn't a Traitor, After All.

By THE SHOPPER.

MARGARET MASON, our correspondent from Rio, Vigo, and London, tells us of her difficulties in buying a chiffon blouse in the British capital. With feeling she recounts her adventures and her triumphant return bearing a blouse of ninon.

Her experience has been the means of solving our own curiosity regarding certain advertisements in London weeklies, such as the Sketch and the Sphere. In these waists of ninon were pictured with such indistinguishable photographs to accompany them that it was well-nigh impossible to decide the nature of the mysterious fabric.

America, was our first thought, is being cheated. Paris spreads her cloak before our well-shod feet, sending us her latest conceptions of chiffon and georgette crepe. Here comes London, home of Liberty, but not original, setting us by the ears with a material that, if our sense of perception has not failed, is indubitably French.

Ninon Only Chiffon.
Now our foreign fashion authority lulls all our fears to rest by the cheerful reassurance that ninon is chiffon after all, and America hasn't been slighted in the least. What a reassuring thought that is! The English fashion journals make no mention of georgette crepe or marquisette, or other of the filmy materials where-with we are wont to be bloused o' days and frocked o' nights.

With a light heart, then, we may return to a consideration of the blouses of the season. First of all, if anyone has hinted that georgette crepe and crepe de chine were to be considered passe this year, that person has been misinformed, to put it tactfully.

Little New on View.
Aside from a few blouses of plaid taffeta—and goodness knows they are with us perennially—the shops are showing the same flesh pink-and-white creations of georgette and crepe that were seen a year ago. Now, this mustn't be taken too literally. Of course, they are not the same. The styles are quite a different matter.

Combinations of georgette and washable satin are much favored, and there are few of the pussy willow taffetas featured last winter. Collars grow larger and cuffs more floppy and picturesque. Buttons and beads show more as trimming—and there is the blouse situation all in one paragraph.

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Gown of Satin With Gay Motifs of Embroidery. Ribbon Straps to Suggest a Jacket. Fur Trimmed Blouse With Sailor Collar and Full Sleeves.

do not draw attention from huge ball or solid bead buttons.

Some of the most frail materials are finely pleated, with deep pleated collars and cuffs. Several seen in the shops recently make a determined effort to revive the collar high in back and with a Y-neck in front. This is particularly becoming to older faces.

Lace is beginning to make its meek evident in some new styles. This lace is peculiarly lustrous, the white having a shimmer suggestive of silver lace, the cream and tan decidedly golden. Blouses are made of this alone, or combined with crepe or washable

sat. There are certain women to whom a lace blouse is a patent of gentility, women who do not feel comfortable unless their wardrobe includes at least one. Though it is impossible to achieve much individuality of cut with lace as a working material, it will be welcomed by those who have always liked it.

Russian Blouses Popular.
It would be unfair to omit mention of blouses that are true Russian affairs, a cross between the lengthy smock and the straight lines of the moyen age. The peplums are scarcely

salt, and half as much pepper. When the omelet is ready to fold spread the filling quickly. If a double omelet pan is used the cheese will cook sufficiently while the omelet is browning; if not, then slip the pan into a hot oven for a minute or two. Garnish the omelet with parsley and red strawberry-bananae.

Butter Icing.
A rich and delicious icing for cake which surpasses any boiled icing is made as follows: Cream one heaping tablespoon butter with one and a half cups pulverized sugar. Add the beaten yolk of one egg and stir until perfectly smooth. Flavor with orange extract or a little orange and lemon juice. It should be stiff enough so that it will spread easily and not drip from the cake.

Cheese Omelet.
Make a five-egg omelet in the usual way. Have ready the beaten whites of two eggs to which has been added a cup of grated Edam cheese, a saltspoonful of

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more than four or five inches long, but the garment is most interesting by gay embroideries that surely found their inspiration in Bakat. (It is safe to say that, anyway.)

Heads, wools and heavy rope silks embroider these blouses, which are of substantial crepe de chine, taffetas or satin. Metallic threads appear here and there, giving a glint of richness.

These will never be as universally popular as are waists of thinner materials. For one thing, they are not nearly so becoming to fat and thin, to sallow and fair.

The Chaperon.
Dear Chaperon—When a girl wears a young man's fraternity pin, it is considered a sign that she is engaged to him. I have a friend with whom I have gone about often, and I've been told that another girl is wearing a man's fraternity pin. I should like to know if it is the same as an engagement ring.

Class for Courting.
The Josephine Club of Pittsburgh has a mission. In fact, it may be called a missionary society of the latest type. The organization, comprising more than 100 business women of the city, is to take up a serious study of courting, in all its branches.

News does not state whether or not the members intend to take advantage of leap year and learn the art of proposing. It is announced, however, that they will be taught how to receive proposals, how to deal with men of various types, and so on.

Leading up to the course in courting are preliminary studies of self-control and exorcism! First aid to the injured and present-day literature are also included in the proposed curriculum.

Knew What He Wanted.
Ole Onslow had recently come from Sweden and therefore his English was sometimes delightfully picturesque and carefully explicit.

He went into a big drug store the other day in search of flypaper, but his name had escaped him. His description of what he wanted, however, left nothing to be desired in the way of lucidity.

"I want a kind of paper vat de flies buzz and buzz and buzz, and den sit down."

The Effect of Dissipation.
An aged mother was scolding her oldest son for some of his bad habits. "Ain't you ashamed of yourself?" she exclaimed. "to be chavin' tobacco and smokin' that old pipe? You jes' ruinin' of your health."

"But, listen, ma," replied her son. "I am seventy years old, ain't I?"

"Yes, you is," admitted the mother. "but maybe if you didn't chew an smoke you'd be ninety now."—Youngstown (Ohio) Telegram.

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LOEW'S COLUMBIA
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